

# SUNDAY

## Worship Service

November 24, 2024

### **THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:**

*Walk as if you are kissing the Earth with your feet.*

- Thich Nhat Hanh

*Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.*

- Maya Angelou

*Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.*

- A.A. Milne, [Winnie-the-Pooh](#)

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

### **WORDS of GREETING and GRACE**

Rev. Linda Pepe

### **\*MEDLEY of PRAISE**

Congregation

*Verse*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart - give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks - we have been given Jesus Christ, God's Son (repeat)***

*Chorus*

***And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what our God has done for us (repeat)  
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.***

***1. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you Lord  
I just want to thank you, Lord.***

***2. You've been so good. You've been so good. You've been so good.  
I just want to thank you, Lord.***

*Verse*

***Lord, I thank you for the sunshine, I thank you for the rain.  
I thank you for the peace in knowing my trials don't come to stay.  
And I thank you that someday soon I've got heaven to gain.  
I just want to thank you, Lord.***

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Jerome Whitehead

**HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS**

Rev. Nevin Werron

**PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY**

Pastor Nevin

**COMMISSIONING OF CARE TEAM**

Pastor Linda

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 17:11-19**

Pastor Linda

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**All Good Gifts**  
by Stephen Schwartz

FBC Choir

**SERMON**

**Corners of the Mind: Gratitude**

Pastor Linda

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**We Are Called**

Congregation

- 1. Come, live in the light; shine with the joy and the love of the Lord**  
**We are called to be light for the kin-dom**  
**To live in the freedom of the city of God**

*Chorus*

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly**  
**We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God**

- 2. Come, open your heart; show your mercy to all those in fear**  
**We are called to be hope for the hopeless**  
**So all hatred and blindness will be no more**

- 3. Sing, sing a new song; sing of that great day when all will be one**  
**God will reign and we'll walk with each other**  
**As sisters and brothers united in love**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

**\*POSTLUDE**

Howard

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, November 24	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30 am	<b>Congregational Budget Meeting</b>
TUESDAY, November 26	11:30 to 1:30 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b>
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	(Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
THURSDAY, November 28		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>
FRIDAY, November 29		Church Office Closed

## PRAYER CONCERNS - November 24, 2024

Please pray for:

**Christine Benson, Denise Benson's sister who was just diagnosed with breast cancer, and Emily Neff with health concerns,**

**Please pray for these church family members:**

*Jan Applegate, Lorene Moore, Leila Morgan and Ruth Reigens*

**\*If you have prayer requests or you would like to be removed from this list, please contact the church office at [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - To Jill Marghella on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Steve Eson, Judie Marie Roszek and Ani Genet Thiede on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, Michelle Foley on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and Bryce Kulik on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. If we do not have your birthday, or you would like to add a family member's birthday, please contact the church office at **856-235-1180** or at [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).

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Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today. Please visit with us during coffee and refreshments which will be served in Fellowship Hall (basement level) following worship.

Thank You

Today's **Greeters** were **Robbie and Coach Thornton-Peek**.

Next week's **Greeters** are **Myrna Rodriguez and Trish Walker**.

### FOOD PANTRY NEWS

**Please remember the Food Pantry this week.**

**Financial donations are always welcome. A check or cash can be put into a giving envelope and then into the offering boxes.** Non-perishable food items may be brought to church on Sundays and placed in the Food Pantry Cart or they may be left in the black bin next to the side ramp door or beside the pantry room door on the lower level any day of the week.

**This week we fed 293 people, including 74 children and 66 seniors.**

### TODAY

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/FBC BUDGET DISCUSSION and VOTE** – As you may know, the 2025 budget was presented in October, but it requires one more brief conversation and a vote. If you need a copy of the Budget, stop in the Church Office. **Please join us for this brief congregational meeting following worship today.**

**YOUTH GROUP GATHERING** – Today is our last gathering before the Christmas holiday. **In celebration of the holidays, we will be showing a Charlie Brown Christmas and having a build your own hot chocolate station.** Hope you can all join us - it should be fun!

### SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER

**DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – SMALL GROUP STUDY WITH PASTOR LINDA** – There will be no Small Group Study on November 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we read and study Paul's letter to the **Romans**. This study led by Pastor Linda meets in the church lounge each Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome, even if you have not attended our Small Group Study before now. To sign up please call the church office at 856-235-1180 or email Carol Murray at [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).

**DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – SMALL GROUP STUDY WITH PASTOR JEN** - This Advent season are you looking to connect with others as you prepare for all the wonders and joys, and the unexpected bumps in the road this Christmas season. Would you welcome a discussion of scripture, poetry, and art as you move through December? **Then I invite you to join our Wednesday night Zoom small group. This is a time of connecting with others, sharing our hopes for the Advent season, praying for one another, and being intentional about where we are this Advent season and where we'd like to be as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and move into a new year.** Please reach out to Pastor Jen if you would like to be a part of the group or have any questions. The group will meet on Wednesdays beginning December via Zoom from 7-8:30 pm. Please call or email Pastor Jen if you have any questions - [jbradley12@gmail.com](mailto:jbradley12@gmail.com) 609-744-3359

**DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> – NEW “BIBLE BASICS” STUDY GROUP CONTINUES** – There will be no “Bible Basics” Study this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. **This study will meet one more time – Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – and then break until January.** It is a perfect study for folks with no Bible background . . . and also those who know the Bible but would like more historical context. **We meet in the Conference room at 10 am on Fridays. For more information, email Jill Lee at [j.huntington\\_lee@icloud.com](mailto:j.huntington_lee@icloud.com).**

**DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> – WOMEN’S BREAKFAST** – The next Women’s Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we share stories about our Christmas traditions and have fun making a pretty tree decoration. Hope to see you there! Join us for fellowship and bring a dish to share if you are able.

**DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> - QMUNITY (LGBTQIA+ Ministry Circle) SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendars for Qmunity's Christmas Gathering/Meeting on Sunday, Dec 22nd, after church, at the home of Elizabeth Endres. Thank you, Elizabeth for hosting! More details to follow, but we can guarantee it will be a time of celebration, love, hope, joy, and peace that only the Christmas Season can bring! If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy or Pastor Jen at [FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com).

**2025**

**SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 - ROSZEK OPEN HOUSE** – Another New Year, Another Open House! - **Join Neva and Judie Marie Roszek for an open house on New Year's Day from 1:00 to 4 pm.** Meet new friends and visit with the old. Come share another year’s good luck and eat black-eyed peas with us. Come for a few minutes and stay a while. **Just be here - 52 Westbrook Dr, Moorestown.** We would love to see you and wish you health and wealth for 2025.

**PHILANTHROPIC & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**ANGEL TREES FOR NEPAL** – The “Angels in Nepal” trees are here! The beautiful trees, adorned with angels are now in the Lounge and Fellowship Hall. The names of children who call Kopila Valley School their home and school are on each angel. Kopila Valley School was founded by Maggie Doyne, our Margaret Smith’s cousin. Maggie also founded the BlinkNow Foundation to change the world by empowering Nepal’s youth. Please consider supporting Kopila Valley’s youth by taking one or more angels from the tree to support this Christmas Season. You can support in any of the following ways:

1. **Prayer** through the season and the coming year.
2. **Donate new or gently used items** that Margaret can take to Nepal in December. Suggested items include: Jewelry, Combs, Hair Ties, Chargers, Headphones/Earbuds, Small speakers with USB cables, Matchbox or Hotwheels Cars, Card Games, Fidget Toys, Rubix Cubes, Etc.
3. **Financial support** by writing a check to First Baptist Church with the note “Nepal”. Margaret will use any monetary donations to purchase items in Nepal, supporting the local economy.

**Margaret leaves for Nepal on December 17<sup>th</sup>, so gifts of checks should be given by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Let’s plan to show our support by emptying the trees of their Angels!!** Thank you! Any questions, contact Margaret Smith (609) 556-7016 or Norma Wright (609) 932-3428.

**FOOD PANTRY REQUEST – HELP WANTED** – The Food Pantry has a guest who is in need of a used auto (automatic transmission). Her spouse is ill and undergoing cancer treatments, and her car has given out, and the free transportation available is frequently late causing missed doctor or treatment appointments. Her funds are extremely limited! If you have any thoughts or information, please contact Jane Pipes (609) 828-1994 or Norma Wright (609) 932-3428.

**WINTER OUTERWEAR DRIVE** - The Food Pantry will be hosting a Winter Outerwear drive again this year. Our pantry guests really appreciated what we had to offer last year. **We are asking for winter outerwear ONLY- coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and new socks, etc.** All sizes. Items should be new or gently used and CLEAN! Items may be placed in the cart just inside the lounge entry marked “Coat Drive”.

**NEW YOUTH GROUP ROOM – A REQUEST**

**Our newly formed youth group is in need of a smart tv for their youth group room.** Any donations toward this goal would be appreciated. You can put cash or check into a regular giving envelope earmarked “Youth Group”.

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY**

**This Ministry Team** is a newly formed team focusing on Restorative Justice which is an opportunity to restore broken relationships, to stop destructive behaviors early and to repair as much of the harm done to other people as possible. **The team has embraced five important principles – which will be shared with you over the next five weeks. The second principle is:**

*Heal What Is Broken.*